

Regional Association Members Meeting GEECT ZHdK, Zurich 26 October 2017 (9.30 -11.00)



Are present:

Bert Beyens (RITCS, Belgium—Chair), *Vinca Wiedemann* (DDF, Denmark—Vice Chair), *Manuel José Damásio* (ULHT, Portugal—Treasurer), *Eli Bø* (SADA, Sweden) and *Guido Lukoschek* (FABW, Germany), and a total of approximately 100 representatives of 60 GEECT member schools from 26 countries.

(All received an invitation by mail for this meeting; list in appendix of this report).

In attendance on special invitation:

Henning Camre (European Think Tank); *Marija Krunic* (International Filmmaking Academy IFA); *Axel Gribor* and *Thorbjörn Swenber* (Dalarna University Sweden, DAVA), and Dr. *Stanislav Semerdjiev* (Executive Director, CILECT).

1. GEECT Group Photo

It is a GEECT tradition to meet in a round-table set-up, but because of the big number of attendees this meeting was planned in the main congress hall.

Photographer *Marco Quandt* (ZHdK) took a "group-photo-on-stage" of all who were present at the beginning of the meeting.

GEECT Chair *Bert Beyens* presented all member schools with their delegates, individually and per country, and asked them to take their seats. Special mention was given to first-time attendees.

Finally, only the 5 members of the GEECT Regional Council remained on stage.

2. A Minute of Silence for Marc Nicolas

Before starting the meeting a Minute of Silence was held to remember and honour *Marc Nicolas* (GEECT Chair 2006-2014), who passed away not long after the Brisbane Congress 2016.

3. Introduction + Welcome to new schools

Chair *Bert Beyens* introduced the 5 members of the GEECT Board and officially welcomed old and new members.

After admission the day before, October 25th, of 3 new member schools by the General Assembly CILECT now reunited approximately 170 schools from 61 countries.

The new schools all being part of the European Region, GEECT welcomed 3 new members (and now brought together 93 schools from 34 countries).

NEW GEECT MEMBERS:

- Notre Dame University (NDU)
Represented by *Nicolas Khabbaz*
LEBANON (Louaize)

- Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design (MOME)
Represented by *Jozsef Fülöp*
HUNGARY (Budapest)

- University for the Creative Arts (UCA),
Represented by *Sarah Jeans* and *Claire Barwell*
UNITED KINGDOM (Farnham)

The GEECT Regional Council expressed its satisfaction about the interest for the CILECT Congress in Zurich: with a presence of 60 GEECT schools almost two-thirds of the 93 schools is attending — out of a total of 34 countries, only 8 countries are absent.

4. GEECT Budget

Chair *Bert Beyens* asked Treasurer *Manuel José Damásio* to report on the GEECT Budget 2016-2018.

Manuel José Damásio explained that the Association is in a healthy situation. Expenditure was related to GEECT Board meetings (partial reimbursement of travelling) and support of GEECT Conferences. A full report will be presented during the GEECT Regional Association Members Meeting in Mumbai, November 2018.

5. GEECT Website

Chair *Bert Beyens* asked Board Member *Guido Lukoschek* to report on the GEECT Website that was launched in Spring 2017.

Guido Lukoschek said that the Website was very regularly visited. Though the stats gave the Web-administrator only the country origin of the visitors, he assumed that almost all member schools had been on the [GEECT](#) Website by now. *Guido Lukoschek* emphasized for the attendees that the main purpose is to be a window to the CILECT Website. The GEECT Board wants to keep the GEECT Website light and simple.

6. CILECT Teaching Award Winner 2017

Chair *Bert Beyens* congratulated *Dr Dan Geva* with the CILECT TEACHING AWARD 2017 that he received during this Congress the day before (applause from all benches). GEECT has been very proud of its past Teaching Award Winners: *Zuzana Tatarova* 2014, *Roger Crittenden* 2014, *Roberto Perpignani* 2015, and *Andrzej Mellin* 2016.

Dan Geva is also the initiator of a CILECT supported project: The Ethics Lab. CILECT schools will be informed about this in the near future. Also GEECT schools will be able to compete for a workshop, conducted by *Dr Dan Geva*.

6. REPORT ON GEECT CONFERENCES 2017

Chair *Bert Beyens* thanked the two coordinators of the 2017 Conferences, *Fredrik Graver* for the Lillehammer Conference in May entitled *Training the Trainers Reboot: from Artist to Teacher*, and *Giedre Kabasinskiene* for the Vilnius Conference in September on *Music and Sound Design for Film and New Media*, and congratulated them for well-organized and well-attended events. Full reports will be on the GEECT Website later this year. Output of the GEECT Conferences can be found on the CILECT Website.

7. DECISIONS about GEECT CONFERENCES 2018

7.1. Chair *Bert Beyens* reported that 4 very interesting Conference Proposals from 4 different countries (Belgium, Germany, Italy and The Netherlands) reached the GEECT Board within the given deadlines – there were 2 CALLS: the 1st CALL considered a Spring Conference 2018; the 2nd CALL asked for Autumn Conference 2018 proposals. He complimented the schools for the seriousness of the work presented.

7.2. Chair *Bert Beyens* then reported that a GEECT Board Meeting was scheduled on the night before (October 25th) to decide on the proposals. But both *Bert Beyens* and *Manuel José Damásio* were asked to withdraw from the Board Meeting for this topic on the Agenda because their respective schools (RITCS and ULHT/DOCNOMADS) were involved and/or partner in one of the proposals. Neither one of them could take part in the proper discussion or cast a vote.

Therefore, Chair *Bert Beyens*, at this point of the Regional Association Meeting, handed over to Vice-Chair *Vinca Wiedemann* to further report on the deliberation talks on future Conferences 2018, as they had occurred the night before.

7.3. Vice-Chair *Vinca Wiedemann* confirmed that all proposals had impressed the members of the GEECT Board, and added that it was also a nice surprise that similar themes and concerns were dominant in the proposals: an interest in Fiction/Reality issues (Documentary) and attention to Diversity/Inclusiveness.

7.4. For the Spring Conference 2018, there was only one proposal: Teaching Documentary II, by *Heidi Gronauer* (ZELIG) and *John Burgan* (NFS/USW), planned to take place in May 2018. Both applicants were the organizers of the very successful Teaching Documentary Conference in Cardiff-United Kingdom, in 2014. The GEECT Board was very positive and accepted the proposal.

7.5 For the Autumn Conference 2018, 3 proposals were received.

Because a decision was already taken to support the Teaching Documentary II proposal in Bolzano-Italy, the joint Belgian proposal by INSAS-LUCA-RITCS-DOCNOMADS, being a documentary event as well under the title *Mise-En-Scène of Reality* was not kept for discussion.

2 proposals were discussed in depth: a first one from *ifs* COLOGNE, entitled *Diversity and Film making— Researching and teaching Diversity in Film Schools*; and a second one from NFA AMSTERDAM entitled *All Stories need to be Told, How Inclusion in Film Schools will lead to better Storytelling and more relevant Cinema*.

Vinca Wiedemann explained that with 2 proposals with such very similar subjects and approach the GEECT Board did not want to come to a decisive choice, but agreed to prepare a mail with a list of questions for more details, in order to justify its final choice. She also emphasized that for the GEECT Board a collaboration between two schools is seen as very positive (though not as a condition).

8. GEECT CONFERENCE 2018: TEACHING DOCUMENTARY

Vinca Wiedemann invited *Heidi Gronauer* and *John Burgan* on stage to present in more detail the Spring Conference 2018, in Bolzano, Italy.

9. CILECT Matters

Stanislav Semerdjiev, CILECT executive Director, was invited to address the GEECT attendees. He asked them to take communication about CILECT in their own schools more seriously. It is a concern that too often information remains at the desk or in the computer of one or two people, and is not distributed enough to teachers. *Stanislav Semerdjiev* asked once more to visit the CILECT Website more regularly, to upload the school data, and to make teachers register individually.

10. CILECT CONFERENCE 2018

Bert Beyens then continued the meeting as Chair, reminding listeners that the next CILECT CONGRESS will be held in INDIA in the WHISTLING WOODS School in MUMBAI, 12-16 November 2018. *Rahul Puri*, Head of Academics Whistling Woods International, gave a presentation during the CILECT General Assembly, the day before. "*Directing*" will be the theme.

In Mumbai, very important elections for CILECT and GEECT will take place.

11. ELECTIONS CILECT PRESIDENT + ELECTIONS CHAIR GEECT REGIONAL COUNCIL + ELECTIONS REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS (2018-2022)

During the General Assembly of the CILECT Congress 2018 in MUMBAI there will be **elections for the PRESIDENT OF CILECT**. The current President, *Maria Dora Mourao*, who has been serving since 2011, will end her mandates and step down.

During the Regional Association Members Meeting of GEECT in Mumbai, there will also be elections for the GEECT REGIONAL COUNCIL (the so-called GEECT BOARD):

1) **for position of CHAIR OF GEECT**. The current Chair, *Bert Beyens*, has served the maximum of 8 years on the GEECT Board (2010-2018), first as Treasurer (2010-2014) and then as Chair (2014-2018), and will step down.

2) **Two positions for the GEECT board are open for election**. *Vinca Wiedemann* (DDF, Denmark — Vice Chair 2014-2018) and *Manuel José Damásio* (ULHT, Portugal — Treasurer 2014-2018) can stand for re-election, for 4 more years.

Eli Bø (SADA, Sweden, elected in Brisbane for 2016-2020) and *Guido Lukoschek*, elected in Brisbane for FABW, Germany 2016-2020) stay on the Regional Council. Therefore, with these two Board members from Sweden and Germany remaining on the Board, candidates from these 2 countries cannot be considered for election, because — following CILECT statutes — 2 representatives from the same country cannot serve on a regional board (with the exception of CNA which is a 2 countries region with only USA and Canada).

12. CLOSING WORDS

Chair *Bert Beyens* thanked the GEECT Board for all the good team work that was done in a great atmosphere, and thanked all attendees for their presence and commitment.

APPENDIX:

PARTICIPATING GEECT SCHOOLS (NAMES REPRESENTATIVES)



1. ALBANIA AFMM (Kujtim Cashku)
2. AUSTRIA UMDK (Claudia Walkensteiner-Preschl and Michael Hudecek)
3. BELGIUM LUCA (Marc Van De Walle and Rob Rombout)
4. BELGIUM RITCS (Ann Olaerts and Lai Kin Chang)
5. BULGARIA NATFA (Elena Trencheva and Alexandra Genova)
6. CROATIA ADU (Igor Bezinovic)
7. CZECH REPUBLIC FAMU (Holy Zdenek, Eric Rosenzveig, Ondrej Zach)
8. CZECH REPUBLIC UTB (Libor Nemeskal)
9. DENMARK DDF (Simon Jon Andreasen and Soren Friis Moller)
10. ESTONIA BFM (Pia Tikka)
11. FINLAND AALTO (Anna Heiskanen, Kirsi Rinne)
12. FINLAND ARCADA (Jan Nals)
13. FINLAND TUAS (Pentti Halonen)

14. FRANCE ESRA (Max Azoulay)
15. FRANCE ENS-LL (Vincent Lowy)
16. FRANCE LA FEMIS (Nathalie Coste Cerdan and Julie Tingaud)
17. FRANCE 3IS (Gilles Chantemerle)
18. GERMANY dffb (Ben Gibson)
19. GERMANY FHD (Sandra Hacker and Fosco Dubini)
20. GERMANY FABW (Thomas Schadt, Inga Von Staden, Linda Krämer)
21. GERMANY FBKW (Frédéric Dubois, Susanne Foidl, Anna Luise Kiss, Gesa Marten, Kerstin Retemeyer, Björn Stockleben)
22. GERMANY HFF (Karin Jurschick)
23. GERMANY ifs (Rainer Weiland and Marc Minneker)
24. HUNGARY SzFE (Janos Vecsernyes)
25. HUNGARY MOME (Jozsef Fülöp and Agoston Nagy)
26. ICELAND IFS (Fridrik Thor Fridriksson)
27. IRELAND IADT (Barry Dignam)
28. ISRAEL TAU (Yaron Bloch, Joseph Pitchadze, Amos Geva)
29. ISRAEL BEIT BERL (Dan Muggia and Dan Geva)
30. ISRAEL JSFS (Akiva Tevet)
31. ISRAEL SAPIR (Aner Preminger)
32. ISRAEL BEZALEL (Sarah Jane Hatooka)
33. ITALY CSC (Caterina d'Amico, Bartolomeo Corsini and Roberto Perpignani)
34. ITALY MCSC (Laura Zagordi and Claudio Cipelletti)
35. ITALY ZeLIG (Heidi Gronauer)
36. LEBANON ALBA (Ghassan Koteit and Rosy Raggi)

37. LEBANON IESAV (Elie Yazbek)
38. LEBANON NDU (Nicolas Khabbaz)
39. LITHUANIA LMTA (Giedre Kabasinskiene and Vytautas Dambrauskas)
40. NETHERLANDS NFA (Bart Römer and Mieke Bernink)
41. NORWAY DNF (Fredrik Graver and Trude Lindland)
42. NORWAY WESTERDALS (Leif Holst Jensen, Ole Goethe, Trygve Bjellvag)
43. PORTUGAL ESTC (José Bogalheiro)
44. PORTUGAL ULHT (Sandra Rocha and Victor Candeias)
45. ROMANIA UNATC (Ovidiu Georgescu)
46. RUSSIAN FEDERATION GITR (Yuri Litovchin)
47. SWEDEN SADA (Maria Hvitfeldt, Tinna Joné, Mirko Lempert, Simon Alexanderson)
48. SWEDEN VALAND (Klara Björk)
49. SWITZERLAND HEAD (Jean Perret)
50. SWITZERLAND ZHdK (Chantal Haunreiter, Christian Iseli, Andreas Birkle, Tom Gerber, Sabine Gisiger, Frederic Martel, ...)
51. SWITZERLAND CISA (Cecilia Liveriero Lavelli)
52. UNITED KINGDOM AUB (David Munns, Jonathan Carr and Oliver Mary)
53. UNITED KINGDOM SoFT (Chris Morris, Andy Joule, Katharine Nicholls)
54. UNITED KINGDOM NFTS (Jon Wardle and Hemant Sharda)
55. UNITED KINGDOM NFS/LBU (Dan Weldon)
56. UNITED KINGDOM LFS (Gisli Snaer and Dan Lawson)
57. UNITED KINGDOM HERTFORDSHIRE (Lyndsay Duthie, Peter Richardson, David Tree)
58. UNITED KINGDOM NFS/USW (John Burgan)
59. UNITED KINGDOM NAHEMI (Chris Petter)
60. UNITED KINGDOM UCA (Sarah Jeans and Claire Barwell)